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DESC-BQ (ATTN: LEE OPPENHEIM)

SUBJECT: DESC Policy Letter #DESC-FQ-99-02 – Authorized Safety Equipment for QSR Issue

A. REFERENCES.

- 1) DESC-FW Letter, "Authorized Safety Equipment for QSR Issue", July 9, 1991, superseded by DESC policy #DESC-FQ-99-02.
- 2) DLA Instruction 6055.1, "Safety and Occupational Health Instruction", October 22, 1998.
- 3) DoD Instruction 6055.1, "DoD Occupational Safety and Health Program", October 26, 1998.
- 4) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Department of Labor, "Basic Program Elements for Federal Employees Occupational Safety and Health Programs and Related Matters, Title 29 CFR 1910.132, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) General Requirements.

B. AUTHORIZED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ISSUE.

The following PPE wear is authorized for issue to all DESC QSR personnel:

- 1) Coveralls, Nomex, flame-retardant (two pair).
 - 2) Gloves, butyl rubber (one pair).
 - 3) Gloves, leather, work (one pair).
 - 4) Hard hat (helmet), safety (one).
 - 5) Safety shoes, non-sparking, steel box toe (one pair).
 - 6) Goggles, impact resistant (one pair) or eyeglasses, plano industrial safety (one pair).
- (a) For individuals who do not wear corrective lenses only.



- (b) May be left to the QSRs discretion/preference.
- 7) Eyeglasses, prescription industrial safety (one pair).
 - (a) For individuals who must wear corrective lenses only.
- 8) Goggles, chemical splash (one pair).
- 9) Aural protector, sound (earmuffs) (one pair).
- 10) Flashlight, explosion proof (one).
- 11) Gloves, disposable surgical rubber (amount as needed for use in laboratory).
- 12) Mine Safety Appliance (MSA) Half-face organic respirators
- 13) Mine Safety Appliance (MSA) Microgards or equivalent testing equipment – testing of confined spaces for lower explosive limits and oxygen levels.

C. FOUL/ COLD WEATHER GEAR AND MISCELLANEOUS PPE

The following personal protective equipment is authorized for issue to DESC QSR personnel as determined necessary and authorized by the DESC Region/Office Commander.

- 1) Goggles, sun, wind, dust (one pair).
- 2) Sunglasses, safety, general purpose (one pair).
- 3) Sunglasses, prescription safety (one pair).
- 4) Foul (wet) weather gear (one set).
- 5) Rubber “steel towed” knee high rain boots
- 6) Cold weather gear (one set).
- 7) Gloves, cold weather (one pair).

D. FUNDING OBLIGATIONS.

All equipment listed in paragraphs D and E above are to be provided to DESC QSR personnel at Government expense on a fair-wear-and-tear basis. Items (4) and (5). of paragraph E (foul and cold weather gear) are not authorized by DLAM 6055.1 for issue to employees as a personal item, but must be retained for use as needed at the facility (DFSP).

E. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS:

- 1) Prescription Safety Glasses: Prescription safety glasses are authorized for any individual who requires corrective lenses. Contact lenses are not authorized in lieu of safety prescription glasses.

2) Prescription Safety Sunglasses: Prescription safety sunglasses are authorized for any individual who requires regular prescription safety glasses, and, as determined by the DESC Region/Office Commander, normally works under conditions of extremely bright sunlight, or where extreme glare may introduce hazards or be detrimental to accomplishing assigned tasks. Costs are the same as prescription safety glasses.

(a) Determine if these items can be obtained from the local area U.S. military hospital that has an optometry section. If so, they can be purchased through an approved ISA.

(b) If no support is available, these items must be obtained locally. DESC Region/Office Commanders will need to budget for these items.

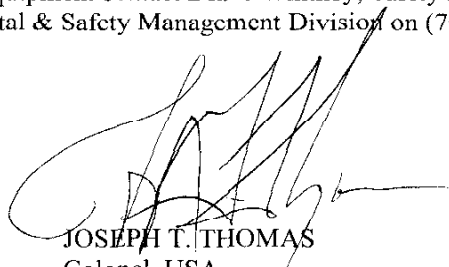
3) Regular Safety Sunglasses (non-prescription): Safety sunglasses are authorized by DESC for individuals not requiring corrective lenses. However, the same guidelines as outlined in paragraph E. (2), should apply, i.e., as determined by the DESC Region/Office Commanders, for individuals who normally work under conditions of extremely bright sunlight, or where extreme glare may introduce hazards or be detrimental to accomplishing assigned tasks.

Procurement of regular and prescription safety glasses are up to the discretion and authorization of the DESC Region/Office Commander.

4) Safety Shoes: Safety shoes can be obtained through local safety supply companies using the Impact Credit Card.

5) Initial Issue: The cost of the initial issue of all prescribed safety equipment is approximately \$800.00 to \$1000.00 per individual (less prescription safety glasses/sunglasses). This figure can be used to assist in budgeting for new personnel.

A "Safety Equipment Checklist" is attached for use when issuing PPE equipment to the DESC QSR. For further information regarding personal protective equipment contact Diane Whitney, Safety Program Manager, (703) 767-8281 or Paul Rogers, Chief, Environmental & Safety Management Division on (703) 767-8318.



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Attachment

DESC SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECK LIST

RESIDENCY:				CAR SUPERVISOR:				
EMPLOYEE:								
AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUE (Local)								
	AUTHORIZED	RECEIVED	DATE	SIZE	COST	REQUIRED	COST	
A. COVERALLS, NOMEX FLAME-RETARDENT	TWO PAIR							
B. GLOVES, BUTYL RUBBER	ONE PAIR							
C. GLOVES, LEATHER, WORK	ONE PAIR							
D. HARD HAT, HELMET, SAFETY	ONE							
E. SAFETY SHOES, STEEL BOX TOE, NON-SPARKING	ONE PAIR							
F. GOGGLES, IMPACT RESISTANT OR EYELGLASSES, PLANO INDUSTRIAL	ONE PAIR (1) & (2)							
G. EYE GLASSES, PRESCRIPTION INDUSTRIAL SAFETY	ONE PAIR							
H. GOGGLES, CHEMICAL SPLASH	ONE PAIR							
I. AURAL PROTECTOR, SOUND (EARMUFFS)	ONE PAIR							
J. FLASHLIGHT, EXPLOSION PROOF	ONE							
K. GLOVES, DISPOSABLE SURGICAL RUBBER	AS NEED IN LABORATORY							
L. HALF-FACE ORGANIC RESPIRATORS - (MSA) MINE SAFETY APPLIANCE	ONE MUST BE FIT TESTED							
M. FLAMMABILITY/OXYGEN MONITORS - (MSA) MICROGARDS OR EQUIVALENT EQUIPMENT	NO. WILL BE BASED ON ACTIVITY NEED							

AS AUTHORIZED BY DESC COMMANDER	AUTHORIZED	RECEIVED	DATE	SIZE	COST	REQUIRED	COST
A. GOGGLES, SUN, WIND, DUST	ONE PAIR						
B. SUNGLASSES, SAFETY, GENERAL PURPOSE	ONE PAIR						
C. SUNGLASSES, PRESCRIPTION SAFETY	ONE PAIR						
D. FOUL (WET) WEATHER GEAR	ONE SET						
E. FOUL (COLD) WEATHER GEAR	ONE SET						
F. GLOVES, COLD WEATHER	ONE PAIR						
G. RUBBER "STEEL TOE" KNEE HIGH BOOTS	ONE PAIR						
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